

PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 07552.0055-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Bernard BENE et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1797
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Application No.: 10/526,498)	Examiner: Christian, Marjorie Ellen
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Filed: March 4, 2005)	
)	Confirmation No.: 7337
For: CONTROL APPARATUS AND)	
CONTROL METHOD FOR A)	
BLOOD TREATMENT)	
EQUIPMENT)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated February 11, 2009, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I, claims 1-44, allegedly drawn to a controller for blood treatment equipment, and Group II, claims 45-59, allegedly drawn to a control method for blood treatment equipment. Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute Group I, claims 1-44, allegedly drawn to a controller for blood treatment equipment.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: February 24, 2009

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